



# Soil & Water Times

January 2010

## Osage County SWCD

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### Calendar of Events

Jan. 18—Holiday, office closed  
January 25—Winter Seminar I, Westphalia  
Jan. 27—Board meeting, 7 p.m.  
Feb. 1—Winter Seminar II, Westphalia  
Feb. 8—Winter Seminar III, Westphalia  
Feb. 15—Holiday, office closed  
Feb. 22—Forage & Beef Conf., Cuba  
May 13-14—Tri County Grazing School, Osage County  
June 17-18—Advanced Grazing School, Wurdack Farm

### Office Hours

7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

## Livestock and Pasture Seminar

January 25, February 1 & 8, 2010

Meal at 6:30 p.m.—Program 7-9 p.m.

Fatima Multipurpose Room

Session 1—January 25, 2010

- >Three Leaf vs. MiG vs. Mob Grazing—*John Turner, NRCS*
- >Spring Management Decision for Cattle Producers—*Clint Stith, Livestock Specialist*

Session 2—February 1, 2010

- >Understanding the Animal Activists and the Humane Society of the United States—*Kelly Smith, Farm Bureau*
- >Grazing Management for Cattle & Wildlife—*Jeremia Markway*
- >USDA Livestock Assistance Programs—*Randy Frisbee, FSA*

Session 3—February 8, 2010

- >Forage Options for Year-round Grazing—*Guest Panel*
- >Timber Management Basics—*Kyle Lairmore, MDC*
- >Pest & Nutrient Management Incentives—*NRCS/SWCD*

Registration (per person), includes dinner:

\$20—before January 22, 2010  
\$30—at door  
\$10—students

## Livestock & Pasture Seminar

### Registration

January 25, February 1 & 8, 2010 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Fatima Multipurpose Room

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

# attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20/person or \$10/student = \_\_\_\_\_ (\$30 at the door)

Mail registration & payment to Osage County SWCD, 1315 E Main, Linn, MO 65051

## Board Elections Scheduled for March

The following nominating committees are seeking candidates for the Board of Supervisors. Supervisors administer district policies, programs, personnel, and funds that are made possible by the 1/10 of one percent Parks and Soils and Water Sales tax. The election will be March 25, 2010.

Area 1 - Benton Township  
(Luystown, Chamois, Morrison, Aud)  
Matt Fick  
Dave Luker  
Tom Starke

Area 3 - Crawford & Jefferson Townships  
(Freedom, Linn, Cooper Hill, Belle)  
Luke Deeken  
Bruce Shanks  
Tom Shasserre

To qualify for office, a candidate shall be:

1. a legal land representative – must be an owner or have power of attorney of any farm lying within the given area
2. a resident taxpaying citizen of Osage County for at least the past two years
3. must reside in or own a farm lying in the same territory where the committee has responsibility
4. a person who is actively engaged in farming and practices conservation activities related to agriculture

Any land representative not nominated may have their name added to the ballot by securing 10 signatures from landowners within their respective area on a petition and submitting the petition to the board at least 10 days prior to the election.

Nominations may be submitted by contacting the nominating committee, calling the Osage County SWCD at 573-897-3797 Ext. 3 or 800-811-4649, or submitting the nomination to the SWCD office located in the USDA Building, 1315 E. Main, Linn.

### Interested In Cost-Share? Sign Up Now!

It is now time to begin planning cost-share practices to be funded during the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010. There are minimal waiting lists for pasture establishments, legume interseedings, grazing systems, spring developments, well closings, sensitive area treatments, pest/nutrient management and exclusion fencing. The pond list is getting shorter, but we must do a site evaluation to determine eligibility.

Give us a call to schedule a farm visit. Technicians will help determine if you qualify for a particular practice or discuss which practices might best meet your needs.

Give us a call at 573-897-3797 ext. 3 or drop by the USDA Service Center at 1315 East Main in Linn.

## OSAGE-MARIES COUNTIES CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Friday, January 15th—6:30 pm

Multipurpose Room  
-Fatima High School-

### *Legislative Meeting & Dinner*

#### *Guest Speakers:*

*Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer*

*Senator Frank Barnitz*

*Representative Tom Loehner*

**Dinner Provided**

*RSVP/Questions—Dr. Merrel Townley (573) 763-5795  
Or Steve Wieberg (573) 744-5921*

## **Cost-Share Available for New Practices**

### ***Ground Water Protection: Spring Development and Well Closing***

N574 Spring Developments and N351 Well Decommissionings address the resource concern of ground water quality. Springs and wells provide a direct conduit to ground water.

Properly closing an unused well will prevent entry of contaminated surface water into the ground water. Vermin, debris, fertilizers and pesticides will be unable to enter the well or well bore hole. The incentive rate for closing a well is 100% of the cost, with a \$400 maximum. Incentive payments are not authorized for cisterns.

Spring Developments protect and enhance water quality wherever a spring or seep can be collected and distributed through natural gravity flow. The development will provide a dependable supply of livestock water, as well as eliminating the mud and mess often found when livestock have free access to a spring. Site development, one tank and up to 300 feet of pipe and trenching are included in the practice.

### **Tri-County Grazing School**

**May 13-14, 2010  
Linn, MO**

Required for producers implementing an Intensive Grazing System using district cost-share funds.

Fees have not yet been determined, but will include materials, snacks and lunch on both days.

For details and registration information, contact Cindy, Osage County SWCD, at 1315 E Main, Linn, or 573-897-3797 ext. 3. Registration is not complete until fees are paid.

**Registration deadline—May 3, 2010**

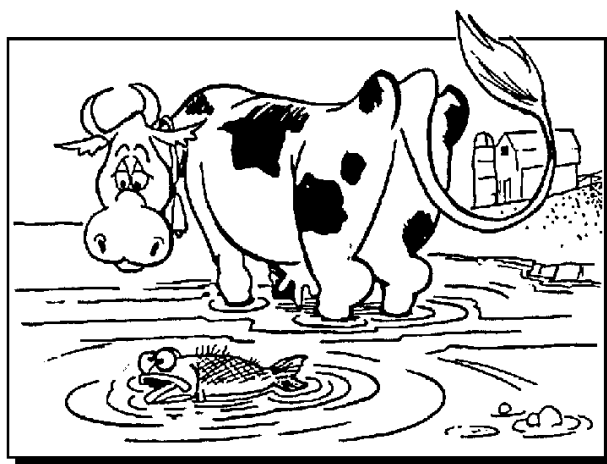
### ***Exclusion Fencing Around Ponds***

Ponds serve many purposes on a typical Osage County farm. They provide countless hours of recreation, whether it be fishing, swimming, frogging or other family activities. Ponds are also important as sources of livestock water and as erosion control structures.

The initial costs of constructing a pond are significant and ongoing maintenance is required to extend the life of a pond. One of the easiest and most effective ways to care for your pond is to fence out livestock. This practice helps eliminate bank erosion, maintains shoreline vegetation and decreases the amount of animal waste in the pond. Cleaner water translates into healthier livestock, improved wildlife habitat and a longer life for your pond.

A new cost-share practice is available to assist with the costs of fencing ponds to exclude livestock. The N472 Use Exclusion requires that the fence be 4-strand barbed wire or 2-strand high tensile electric. There are several options to help provide an alternative source for livestock water. The DSP 3.2 Grazing System-Water Distribution practice assists with the installation of pipe and waterers from an existing water source. Pond water can be siphoned across the dam into a portable tank or, in some cases, a limited-access area can be constructed on the pond's shoreline.

To learn more about this practice or schedule a farm visit to evaluate your site, contact the Osage County SWCD Office at 5673-897-3797 Ext. 101.



## Deadline for 2010 Conservation Financial Assistance Looms NRCS sets January 29 as ranking cut-off date

COLUMBIA, MO – Missouri agricultural producers and landowners interested in protecting or improving natural resources on their land are being urged to contact their local USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office before January 29 if they want to qualify for conservation financial assistance in 2010.

“We realize the holiday season is a busy time for everyone, but for those producers who need technical or financial assistance in the coming year, now’s the time to move conservation from their ‘wish list’ to their ‘to-do list’,” State Conservationist J.R. Flores said.

NRCS administers a suite of conservation programs designed to address various natural resource issues on private and Tribal working land and private, non-industrial forest land. While producers can apply anytime for the programs, NRCS has set January 29 as the cut-off date to evaluate and rank applications for funding for four programs:

- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
- Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)
- Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)
- Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)

*(Information about applying for assistance through the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) and the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP) will be announced later.)*

In addition to its regular conservation programs, special funding pools are available for organic producers, producers affected by wildfires, and producers who will be converting expired Conservation Reserve Program land back into production.

“Whether farmers are interested in improving irrigation efficiency, improving wildlife habitat, protecting water quality or reducing erosion, we have a program that can provide both technical and financial assistance for qualifying applicants,” Flores said.

Last year in Missouri, the NRCS provided more than \$116 million in financial assistance to its customers for the implementation of conservation practices and activities through its Farm Bill programs.

“Those practices produce numerous on-site and off-site benefits, including improved water quality, air quality, soil quality, wildlife habitat, and irrigation efficiency,” Flores said.

Interested agricultural producers are encouraged to contact their local USDA Service Center office or check the agency’s web site at [www.mo.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.mo.nrcs.usda.gov) for more information.

“By applying before the deadline, producers can harvest numerous conservation benefits, as well as financial assistance, throughout 2010,” Flores said.

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**2010 Poster Contest Theme**



### Livestock Disaster Program

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is continuing the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) for 2010. Producers who suffer livestock losses resulting from adverse weather events must apply for assistance within 30 days of the weather event.

Verifiable documentation must be presented to show the following information. 1. Livestock numbers on hand at the first of the year. 2. Livestock numbers on hand at the time of the loss. 3. Type of weather event that caused the loss. 4. Type and weight of livestock lost. 4. Livestock lost due to natural mortality.

Acceptable documentation includes Veterinary records, sales/purchase receipts, lender balance sheet, inventory records for tax purposes, loan records/chattel inspections, property tax records, insurance documents, or third party certification. Third party certification must be by a person not related to the applicant.

Payments are issued on weather related losses that are in excess of normal mortality rates. This requires the producer to maintain records for all causes of loss.

Contact FSA at 573-897-2138 for more details.

### Crop Disaster Program

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) has implemented the new Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments program (SURE) in accordance with the 2008 Farm Bill. Beginning on Jan. 4, 2010, producers could start apply for the program if they suffered crop or hay production losses due to natural disasters during the 2008 crop year.

To be eligible for SURE, producers must have suffered at least a 10 percent production loss on any crop and had insurable crops covered by a Federal Crop Insurance policy. Hay crops must have been covered by a NAP policy if they accounted for 5% or more of the gross farm income. Any crop that accounted for less than 5% of the gross farm income was not required to be covered by FCIC or NAP.

Producers considered socially disadvantaged, a beginning farmer or rancher, or a limited resource farmer may be eligible for SURE without any policy or plan of insurance or NAP coverage.

### Missouri Department of Conservation's

## Day with Wildlife

**Saturday, January 30, 2010**  
**Osage County Community Center**

**Hwy 50 East, Linn, MO**

**10 a.m.—3:00 p.m.**

***Free Admission***

**Antler Scoring**

**Laser Shot**

**Nuisance Wildlife Control Professionals**

**Rex Martensen: Mountain Lion and Black Bear Talks**

**(11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.)**

**Smokey Bear**

**Conservation Agents**

**Fly Tying Demonstration**

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# Open House

Thursday, March 25, 2010

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Linn USDA Center

☞ Board member elections ☞

☞ Join us for burgers and drinks ☞

☞ Visit with staff about your conservation needs ☞

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